

Remarks

I. Support for Amendments

The foregoing amendments to the claims, canceling claims 1-29 and rewriting all except claims 13, 14, 16 and 21 (which were canceled in the 04/06/00 reply) are sought to be entered at the Examiner's request in the Communication dated May 30, 2000. Support for these new claims may be found in the claims as originally filed, and in the specification as discussed in the 04/06/00 reply at page 9, section I. Hence, no new matter is added by these amendments, and their entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 30-54 are pending in the application, with claims 30 and 46 being the independent claims.

Applicants reiterate and incorporate by reference herein the arguments made in the 04/06/00 reply in response to the various objections and rejections contained in the Office Action dated October 7, 1999 (Paper No. 5). Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner apply the arguments made in the 04/06/00 reply to the new claims contained herein as they would have been applied to the corresponding (and now-canceled) claims referred to in the arguments.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the Office Action dated October 7, 1999, and the Communication dated May 30, 2000, and as such, that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt entry and favorable consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and allowance of all pending claims, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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